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CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANS

The State Conference Program Committee, headed by Moderator O. W. S. McCall, with the assistance of Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, and the superintendent, has been actively at work and will soon be prepared to announce the program in detail.

Even now it is possible to whet the appetites of laymen and ministers by telling of some of the good things in store.

Rev. James W. Fifield, the new pastor of the great new church in Los Angeles, will give the opening address on Tuesday afternoon, speak at the young people's banquet, and conduct a forum or round table one forenoon.

Rev. Harry T. Stock of Boston, secretary of young people's work of the Education Society, will be present throughout the Conference speaking at the young people's dinner, also at the Conference banquet, and at a round table group meeting.

Rev. Norman Henderson, Fresno, will be the Conference preacher, and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of San Francisco will be the chaplain and in charge of the devotional periods.

On Wednesday evening there will be three addresses on the general theme, "This Changing World," Rev. Fred R. Morrow, new director of Congregational work at the University of California; Mrs. Franklin Warner, recently returned from Africa; and Moderator O. W. S. McCall.

Mr. Franklin Warner will show moving pictures which he recently took in Africa.

Superintendent E. D. Gaylord will bring greetings from southern California.

The Sacramento church has committees at work to provide for the comfort of the delegates and to make the several sessions as helpful and successful as possible.

Quotas of registration will be sent out during the month and the plan of expense allowance which has been followed the past few years will be used.

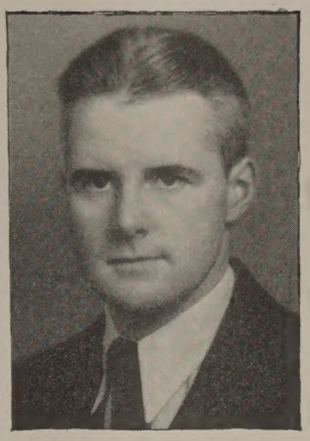
Donkeys and Weaving

If you are "jumpy" and subject to the "jitters," Miss Jessie E. Martin of Merzifon, Turkey, says come out and see her some time, where autos cease from troubling and the radios are at rest. No movies, no lectures, no concerts. The girls in the Life School depend on their own ingenuity for recreation. The town is noted for two things: donkeys and weaving. The donkeys have deteriorated in size, all except their bray, Miss Martin maintains, but the weaving steadily improves and supplies a good part of Turkey with towels and cloths. At the school, girls from unlettered families in barren villages blossom out in a new atmosphere, learning not alone such practical things as home-making, child-care, cooking, sewing, weaving and the like, but mathematics and science to stimulate the intellect, and French and music for "frills." Good sportsmanship, courtesy and hygiene are taught along with everything.

NEW RELIGIOUS WORK DIRECTOR AT U. C.

During the early part of the year announcement was made by the Congregational Education Society that it would be unable to continue support of a director of Congregational work at the University of California. Shortly after this, Rev. R. R. Morgan who had occupied the position, accepted another call. The State Conference Board of Directors and the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, recognizing the necessity of maintaining this work with the strongest possible leadership, entered into a working agreement whereby a new director would be called, devoting a portion of his time to student work under the direction of the Conference, and a portion to the religious education program of the local church. A joint directing committee was set up and its first task was to find a director. After careful investigation, the choice fell upon Rev. Fred R. Morrow who had held a similar position for Congregational and Presbyterian churches in Corvallis, Oregon.

Mr. Morrow was born in Illinois but brought up in California. He graduated from the University of California in 1922 with honors in philosophy, and was a teaching fellow the following year. He received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Pacific School of Religion in 1926. During student days he was director of Plymouth Center, Oakland. He served as



Rev. Fred R. Morrow

pastor of the Congregational Church of Corvallis, Oregon, for four and one-half years before the federation of the Congregational and the Presbyterian churches of that city. Since the consummation of the federation, he has served as student director. Although on the field but two months, he has his program for the year well outlined, and is already making a deep impression upon the incoming students at the university.

THE CONGRESS SPEAKS TO THE CHURCHES

The Pacific Slope Congress which convened at Tacoma June 26-28 caught the note of a new courage that is being felt throughout the churches. Its theme was THE CHURCH—VICTORIOUS. In the development of this theme, both by historic survey and by analysis of the present task, no cheap claims were made as to the external glories and achievements of the Church. Professor Pauck reminded us early in the Congress that the Church is that "true Israel," that "remnant" who live by the spirit of Christ and constitute a true Christian fellowship. Dr. McCall also passed over the institutional progress of the church to do honor to the spiritual body of Christ. It is this living, continuing Church for which inevitable victory was claimed.

The rise of the Church as a religious fellowship neither racial nor national in character, which was an anomoly to the Roman people, was traced by Professor Pauck, who also developed the idea of such a fellowship as sought to be "in the world" but not "of the world." Dr. Potter and President Swartz brought the story close home by illuminating discussions of Congregationalism in its New England habitat and in its trek westward to the Pacific Coast.

It was against this background of what has been in a deep sense a victorious Church that the Church of the present expressed itself at Tacoma. If one should ask, What was the major emphasis in the expression? the answer would be: A strong sense of the importance of the Church as a religious fellowship and instrumentality. There was a keen awareness of the world in which we are now living and the demands that world makes upon the Church and Christian people. Dr. Booth of Long Beach made a masterly indictment of war, and he spoke as a Christian whose Christian heritage and ideal are utterly at variance with the whole business of war. Dr. Holt assailed the evils of our social and economic life, not because they violate some political principle, but because they arise from wrong definitions of the "holy," making property rights and political states holy instead of persons. Dr. Breed, of Stockton, Calif., declared that the holy city demands the holy citizen and pled for a "whole Gospel" as opposed to either a "personal" or a "social" gospel. Miss Frances B. Clapp, Mr. Outerbridge and Dr. White pointed out the inner, spiritual necessity for the Christian Church to be missionary, and the rich fruits of the Christian mission in the Orient today. Dr. Kedzie declared that education fails when it produces only technically trained minds, and that its chief end is character in men and women.

Here was the Church, conscious of its spiritual treasure, humble but unapologetic regarding its importance in the world, and girding itself to follow the leadership of Christ in its own peculiar work as an essential religious agency. No resolutons were proposed, no world-shaking action taken, but it is safe to say that the delegates, both lay and ministerial, went away with a clearer conviction of the truth and value of the Christian gospel and a deeper loyalty to the Christian Church.

PEACE PLEBISCITE

The taking of the Peace Plebiscite on Sunday, November 10, just prior to Armistice Day, affords the churches an opportunity to make October, 1935, a period for intensive peace education. Adequate preparation is essential. The Plebiscite will be significant only as it registers the considered conviction of our own church membership. Every agency of the church may well be mobilized to carry out the most effective program of peace education. The Social Action Committee of the Church can serve effectively as the coordinating agency in this effort.

The congregation will be informed of the coming Plebiscite through pulpit announcements and every other possible means. A poster for the church bulletin board can be secured from the Council for Social Action. The church literature table can provide appropriate peace literature for free distribution. Moreover it is suggested that a series of Sunday evening or of mid-week services be devoted to forums or panel discussion on the topics included in the Plebiscite, possibly using outside speakers.

The Church School: many classes, particularly among adults and young people, can use effectively at this time study courses bearing directly on war and peace such as "Is War the Way?" by J. L. Lobingier, "What Can Christians Do for Peace?" by T. A. Greene, and "Proposed Roads to Peace" by Richard Fagley. For further suggestions see "Prepare for the Peace Plebiscite" by J. L. Lobingier.

Young People's Groups: A special course leading up to the Peace Plebiscite by Harry T. Stock will be published in the October and November issues of the "Pilgrim Highroad." Returning delegates from young people's summer conferences may report their experiences and suggestions back to their home church.

Women's groups may plan to give the Plebiscite an important place in the agenda of their October meeting besides organizing one or more study groups.

Pacific Slope Congress

About 300 delegates registered for the Pacific Slope Regional Congress which was held in Tacoma, Wash., June 26-27. Many persons were in attendance who were not registered. Northern California was represented by nine ministers and eight lay people. Our Conference was well represented on the program. Rev. Benjamin Gould presided at one of the sessions; Rev. Noel J. Breed gave one of the principal addresses; President H. F. Swartz was on the program two different days discussing the westward movement of Congregationalism; Rev. O. W. S. McCall was in charge of devotional services and gave the closing address; these in addition to our own Hugh Vernon White of the American Board.

"The older I grow, the more certain I am that morality is dependent upon the spread of religious conviction to prevail in the government and civilization of this country."—William Howard Taft.

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WORTH WHILE

From Asilomar, where he was serving on the faculty of our Young People's Conference, Rev. D. W. Throckmorton of the Grace United Church wrote these paragraphs for his church paper:

"Yesterday a lad said 'The Sunday School I go to does not deserve to be called a school.' You may guess what he had in mind. He wanted to face life! Another, upon leaving the class room said to me, 'I may be in a muddle, but I'm giving my life to change things.' Then he told me of his dream to become a great doctor and to work for the socializing of medicine for those who suffer and are unable to have healing. I could not help but pray that his idealism may remain with him.

"In closing this line, in time for the mail, I pass on to you the summary of the class today: The integrity of the Christian depends upon what he does about the injustices which are the other side of his privileges and about the conduct of the groups which are controlled by public opinion of which his opinion is a part. Such questions as these are vital. 'If the Christian's ideal is too absolute to fit the facts of contemporary life, in what sense can it be said to be relevant to the social problem?' "

Here is high testimony to the service which Asilomar renders to our churches.

BENNETT-NELSON

On Friday evening, August 9, in Plymouth Church, Oakland, Mr. Leslie Bennett and Miss Dorothy Nelson exchanged the vows of matrimony, Rev. T. T. Giffen officiating. Mrs. Bennett is well known to the younger groups of our church people, having served for two years on the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work, and acting as house counsellor at Asilomar. At the present time she is director of young people's work at Plymouth Church. To these splendid young people The Pacific extends its congratulations and best wishes.

DAHLER-PENDLETON

Two churches and two Congregational families were happily joined in the recent marriage of Winnifred Alma Pendleton and Robert Hammond Dahler. Miss Pendleton is the daughter of Rev. Norman Pendleton of Redwood City, and Mr. Dahler is the treasurer of the Bethany-Mission Park Church of San Francisco. Incidentally, the matron of honor, the sister of the bride, is the wife of the best man, who is also a member of Bethany-Mission Park Church—Mr. and Mrs. Al Mecredy. The wedding was held in the First Congregational Church of Redwood City on August 24. Congratulations and best wishes from the readers of the Pacific.

CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE ASSEMBLE

The second largest Asilomar Congregational Young People's Conference during the ten years of its history was held for one week at the end of July and beginning of August. There were 219 in full-time attendance and 21 for part of the time, or a total of 240. This number was made up of 114 young people of high school age, 93 of college age, and 33 adults. In addition, there were a dozen visitors. Under the direction of Rev. Gail Cleland, the program and classes were carried through essentially as announced. Alameda won both attendance banners with a total of 25 delegates.

Following a report of the special committee and a thorough-going discussion, the young people voted to change the name of our state organization from California Congregational Young People's Association (Cacoypa) to the Pilgrim Fellowship, thus putting us in step with the movement sponsored by the Congregational Education Society. Officers for the coming year are: President, Prescott Thompson of Berkeley; vice-president, Robert Nelson of Oakland; secretary, Reva Galvin of Alameda; Counsellor, Rev. D. W. Throckmorton of San Francisco; delegate to Evanston, Louis Neumann of Berkeley, and alternate delegate, Wilma Conn of Fresno.

Rev. Fred R. Morrow, new director of Congregational Student Work at the University of California, who taught a class on "personal problems for young men," was introduced, and the enterprise at the University was adopted as the young people's project for the coming year, several hundred dollars being subscribed to its support.

In addition to Dr. Cleland and Mr. Morrow, above mentioned, the faculty consisted of: Rev. H. V. White, Rev. E. T. Sherman, Rev. W. B. Thorp, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Gregg, Dr. Pierson Parker, Rev. R. C. Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bell, Rev. George E. Brown, Mrs. Mabel Hill Redfield, Mrs. L. M. Drury, Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, and Rev. Clarence Gillett. To Louis Neumann, director of promotion; officers of Cacoypa, and others who assisted, the gratitude of the churches is due.

MEDICAL PROBLEMS

"A patient will come in with a wart on his thumb, saying that otherwise he is quite well. If we cure his wart to his satisfaction, he comes back in two weeks complaining of a pain in his chest for six months. But not all are as advanced. I spent a good part of this afternoon trying to make two unusually persistent people see why we couldn't prescribe safely for the baby they had left at home who wasn't sick, but only had a fever. Surely if we were any sort of doctor at all, we must have some fever medicine for 'well' babies. It is sometimes hard to realize the depth of the gulf that separates our ideas from theirs. Even our nurses sometimes seem completely unable to get over to some of their countrymen what seem to us to be self-evident principles of medicine. Their ideas are simple, but extremely persistent. For every symptom there is an appropriate medicine. If we don't have it, somebody else must."—From a letter of Dr. Leonard F. Wilbur, Taiku, China.

"The churches are the greatest influence in this world of ours to overcome the present tendency toward greed."—President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

About sixty young people with their faculty and a few other adults met Sunday afternoon, August 18, for a three and a half days' conference of the Redwood Empire Pilgrim Fellowship on the grounds of Lokoya Boys Camp near Napa. Mr. and Mrs. Milton G. Gabrielson of Cotati as director and registrar were chiefly responsible for its decided success. Mr. Gabrielson also taught a most popular course on "Learning to Pray." Others on the faculty were Dr. Ralph C. Waddell of Petaluma on "Planning our Society Program;" Rev. E. W. Houlding of Benicia on "The Social Message of the Church" dealing mainly with the coming Peace Plebiscite; Dr. H. S. Davidson of Cloverdale on the "Life of Jesus;" Rev. G. E. Atkinson of Sebastopol and Rev. Frank Boren of Kenwood on "The Appreciation of the Bible;" and Rev. Westwood Wallace of Santa Rosa who shared with Dr. Waddell in a course for the older students on the "Great Decisions of Life."

Dr. Pierson Parker of Pacific School of Religion conducted the daily chapel hour except for the last morning when his place was taken by Rev. Fred Morrow, student pastor at the University in Berkeley who had come out the evening before to give the final campfire talk. Mrs. Frank Boren as dean of girls, and Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum of Benicia who took charge of the "stunt night" program, also added much to the wholesome, happy spirit of the camp.

The Modoc Young People's Conference was held during June at the head of Fall River. The attendance was not as large as in previous years, but it was enjoyed by the young people, and it is expected that another camp in a new location will take place next year.

REV. WILLIAM E. ECKLES

After many months of intense suffering, Rev. William E. Eckles passed on to the better life on July 23. Will Eckles, as he was affectionately known by ministers and lay people in this Conference, was one of the most faithful and effective ministers in our fellowship. He was a graduate of the Pacific Theological Seminary and his entire ministry was within the Northern California Conference. His career was extraordinary in the way he moved from one field to another, always leaving a church stronger than he found it. Among the churches served were those at Green Valley, Etna Mills, Loomis, Alturas, Campbell, Sunnyvale, Auburn, and Oroville. During the war he served overseas, and for a period he was pastor-at-large and assistant superintendent of the Conference. He served a number of other churches for brief periods. There was nothing he delighted to do more than to take a field in which some serious problem existed and to bring it to a position of strength and influence.

Funeral services were conducted in San Jose by his pastor, Rev. Benjamin Gould, and by Rev. Burton M. Palmer who had known him intimately for many years and who spoke in behalf of our fellowship. His beloved wife and partner in a number of these pastorates survives him. In the words of Mr. Gould, "Will Eckles knew how to live; simply, graciously, self-forgetfully, with friendly feeling and quiet humor. It was no accident that during the months he was laid aside, letters came almost by the basketful; into the lives of these people Will Eckles had built his own."

MIDSUMMER REMITTANCES

Here is the story of benevolence receipts for the first eight months of 1935, in comparison with the same period of 1934. It will be noted that the amounts received are almost identical. The "fly in the ointment" is that this year we raised a special deficit fund which is included in the 1935 figures, which means that the regular apportionment receipts from the churches are somewhat less than last year. Because there has been no issue of The Pacific since June 1, Column No. 1 is about $1,000 less than for the three similar months of a year ago. This is probably due to some delayed remittances. The cooperation of treasurers and pastors in sending accumulated money will be greatly appreciated. August 31 was the close of the fiscal year of the American Board, and the Conference treasurer is sending their percentage in full so as to be included in the past year.

	June 1, to Aug. 31, '35	Jan. 11, to Aug. 31, '35	Jan 11, to Aug. 31, '34
Adin	$ 15.00	$ 75.00	$ 89.04
Alameda	.....	105.81	68.31
Alturas	11.83	18.93	13.00
Angel's Camp	12.06	37.06	25.00
Antioch	19.46	27.86	21.76
Auburn	.....	25.00	20.00
Benicia	.....	13.00	27.00
Berkeley, First	1,785.86	3,952.51	4,515.50
North	300.00	450.00	282.00
Park	10.10	37.40	57.20
Campbell	55.00	118.50	160.00
Ceres	.....	.....	33.56
Cloverdale	19.45	66.18	41.47
Cotati	11.86	39.86	41.00
Crockett	11.20	40.53	22.25
Eureka	55.00	180.00	126.00
Fairfax	.....	15.00	55.00
Ferndale	21.00	79.16	137.26
Fowler	.....	.....	10.00
Fresno, First	47.50	285.30	347.20
Pilgrim	.....	55.57	9.25
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	1.00
Grass Valley	.....	10.00	.....
Hayward	.....	50.00	.....
Kenwood	18.07	37.67	17.15
Likely	.....	5.00	1.32
Lockeford	.....	7.00	.....
Lodi, First	.....	350.00	380.00
Loomis	.....	29.95	.....
Martinez	72.44	138.86	32.50
Murphy	.....	40.00	40.00
Niles	.....	22.20	.....
Oakland, Calvary	.....	.....	5.00
First	73.72	1,918.28	2,525.75
Fruitvale	.....	.....	11.00
Pilgrim	3.50	3.50	5.00
Plymouth	175.00	405.00	310.75
Oroville	30.00	105.00	100.00
Pacific Grove	113.11	264.45	241.95
Palo Alto	100.00	250.00	410.00
Paradise	42.70	134.00	40.00
Petaluma	96.65	347.06	358.52
Pittsburg	12.10	31.84	32.50
Port Chicago	.....	2.35	.....
Porterville	17.00	17.00	19.50
Redwood City	75.00	175.00	175.00
Reedley, Finnish	25.00	25.00	14.00
Ripon	15.50	42.50	47.50
Sacramento	.....	137.70	307.05
Salida	.....	18.80	20.00
San Carlos	5.00	15.00	25.00
San Francisco, Bethany Mission Park	134.40	254.90	116.63
First	310.16	920.70	580.73
Ocean View	5.00	13.42	22.00
Richmond	.....	4.00	9.50
San Jose	171.80	446.80	435.00
San Leandro, Broadmoor	40.75	67.73	125.58
San Rafael	15.06	15.06	31.50
Santa Cruz	200.00	380.00	390.00
Santa Rosa	67.69	164.04	97.86
Saratoga	100.00	160.00	225.00
Sebastopol	76.98	156.29	134.72
Sonoma	16.25	50.23	37.15
Soquel	15.00	37.00	18.00
Stockton	161.27	369.19	438.42
Suisun	.....	45.00	47.00
Sunol	.....	.....	30.00
Sunnyvale	5.70	5.70	.....
Tulare	.....	65.00	185.00
Weaverville	31.00	46.00	48.77
Woodside	.....	.....	36.50
Reno, Nev.	60.83	217.61	182.31
Miscellaneous	45.00	299.29	308.85
Special Deficit Fund	.....	825.05	.....
	$4,707.00	$14,748.84	$14,722.81

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

TRINITY COUNTY. The reorganization of the Hayfork Church has been completed, with the adoption of a new set of by-laws and election of officers. A young people's society is being started. Mrs. Jim Everest, superintendent of the Sunday School at Hayfork, desires to thank the churches which contributed clothing for the boys and girls of that district. More was received than needed at the time. Some of the articles are being made over and will be put to good use later on.

The Sunday School at Hyampom is running throughout the summer. A splendid corps of teachers has been enlisted for the Weaverville Sunday School, and the attendance is larger than a year ago. The parish house at Weaverville is soon to be papered and painted.

Rev. James D. Salmon, the pastor, spent his vacation visiting relatives in the east, but returned in time to bring a delegation to Asilomar, even though he had taken six young people to the Modoc camp earlier in the summer.

PORTERVILLE. Rev. John H. Gregg began his services with the church on August 1, spending the entire month of August in becoming acquainted with the people, since the church was not holding services of public worship during the summer. Two young people attended the Asilomar conference. A Pilgrim Fellowship is being launched. The parsonage has been renovated, the grounds improved, and a spirit of cooperation has been manifested by church and community.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. T. T. Giffen has returned to his work after an absence of three months. His many friends in Plymouth Church and the Conference at large are delighted to know of his improved health. His voice was one of the number raised vigorously against the deplorable outbreak of mob law in Siskiyou County and the activities of the so-called vigilantes in Sonoma County.

ALAMEDA. An international tea, the first of its kind in Alameda, was held on Friday, June 14. There were exhibits from at least two dozen countries, consisting of pieces of hand work. The purpose was to give an understanding and appreciation of other peoples. It was sponsored by the North Circle of the Women's Union.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Mr. T. T. Taam, who has served this church for three years, has accepted a call to the Los Angeles Chinese Congregational Church. He began work there August 1. For the present, Dr. B. C. Wong, who was pastor for many years prior to the coming of Mr. Taam, is in charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The organ debt has been reduced to $350.00, more than $900.00 having been paid in the past three years. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, is giving a series of evening sermons on Bible poetry and inspired song, based on certain of the Psalms.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, gave a series of morning meditations during the month of August: "Seven Modes of Baptism," "Seven Witnesses to Jesus," 'Seven Ways of Living Triumphantly," and Seven Means of Attaining Eternal Life."

SANTA ROSA. On Friday, June 14, a fellowship dinner was held at which was celebrated the wiping out of the last of the indebtedness of the church. Since the coming of Rev. Westwood Wallace, the pastor, a total of $795.00 in indebtedness has been taken care of in one way or another, the current expenses of the church have been maintained, and worldwide work has not been neglected. Considering the size of the church and the resources of the people, this has been a significant achievement. With this burden lifted the church faces a period of increased usefulness.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK-PRESIDIO. Rev. Edgar E. Wilson, formerly of Mayfield, was appointed by the last Methodist Conference as the pastor of this united church, which is a federation of the Asbury Methodist and Richmond Congregational bodies. He is regarded as one of the abler men of the younger group of Methodist ministers in northern California, and has taken hold of the new task with vigor.

GUERNEVILLE. Rev. Ray S. Miller, student at Pacific School of Religion, began work on the Russian River in the middle of May. He has the Congregational church at Guerneville and the Presbyterian church at Monte Rio. He finds real interest in the church on the part of the community and looks forward to even greater interest when the summer rush is over.

BENICIA. With the help of a bequest left to the church, the arrearage in current expenses and in payments to the Building Society was wholly made up, which makes possible an encouraging start for the new year. Rev. Ernest W. Houlding, the pastor, assisted at the Modoc Young People's Conference, and also at the camp of the Redwood Empire young people at Lokoya.

MURPHY. A new social room for the use of the Murphy Church is about completed. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin, who is pastor at Murphy and Angels Camp, supplied for Rev. E. T. Sherman of Lodi, August 4. Earlier in the summer, vacation schools were conducted, with an enrollment of forty in Murphy and thirty-six in Angels Camp.

SACRAMENTO. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, pastor, was delegate of the Sacramento Rotary Club to the Institute of International Relations at Mills College. He also attended the meeting of the national Council for Social Action, held in New England, and the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations at Williams College.

LOOMIS. Seven new members were added to the church at the last service before the vacation period. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor. The church has been hard hit by frost in the spring, which killed much of the fruit.

FAIRFAX. A young people's society of High School age has been launched, with twenty-four present at the first meeting. Rev. Charles L. Mears, the pastor, recently occupied his former pulpit at Reno, Nev., for a Sunday.

SARATOGA, FEDERATED CHURCH. Four new members were received September 1 on confession or re-confession. Rev. B. M. Palmer is the pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. Mr. Wilfred I. Orr, from Willamette University, who has been pastor of the Federated Church of Hubbard, Ore., has been chosen as director of the Fellowship House, succeeding Rev. John H. Gregg. Mr. Orr will be a student at Pacific School of Religion and, with his wife and little daughter, will reside at the house and direct its activities. The Sunday School resumed sessions on August 25, with 65 in attendance. Twenty-eight meetings have been scheduled at the house for the month of September.

SUNOL. Miss Mary Coxhead spent two months at work in this community during the summer. A two-weeks vacation church school was held, with 18 registered. Following the church school the children came two mornings a week for hand work. Sunday School was conducted each Sunday and about eighty parish calls were made. The building is soon to be redecorated. Miss Coxhead returns to the Pacific School of Religion for the coming year.

SOQUEL. About thirty persons are on the Home Department roll of the Sunday School. The Daily Vacation Bible School was a real success, with an enrollment of 44 and average attendance of 35. The pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, had the assistance of four leaders. A closing program was held, and the parents showed sincere appreciation of the work done.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. A new church constitution has been adopted. Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Kartozian, who formerly served this church, have been visiting their children, and were the guests of the church at a dinner on July 18. Rev. H. M. Hovagimian, pastor, supplied in Los Angeles for two Sundays.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. A vacation school, built entirely on the basis of freedom and interest, was held during the summer. Fifty were enrolled. The general theme was "Building a Community Church." During August the pastor, Rev. Horton R. Colbert, enjoyed vacation.

BIG VALLEY. The opening of a new sawmill brings twenty-five new families into the vicinity. The parsonage at Adin is undergoing needed repairs. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, the pastor, is proving to be a carpenter as well as a preacher.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. During the vacation of Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward, Rev. Torrance Phelps of Pasadena, Rev. Fred W. Niedringhaus of Tuscon, Ariz., and Superintendent Gill.

REEDLEY, FINNISH. Rev. Aleksi Raita continues his faithful services to this church and the Finnish church in Los Angeles. He ordinarily spends about one week out of the month in Reedley, holding meetings every night and visiting members of the parish.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. A joint annual picnic sponsored by the men's and women's societies on July 13 was attended by two hundred persons. All services have been conducted regularly during the summer. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

Fifty Years in Service

From the fifth to the seventh of July, the Antioch Church celebrated a very significant event in the 50th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Henry Stauffer. The celebration consisted of a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer, at which many greetings from absent friends were read. At the Sunday morning service, Mr. Stauffer preached on the subject, "My Yesterdays in Seven Churches." At the evening service an address was delivered by Dr. William F. Rasche, principal of the Milwaukee Vocational School. Dr. Rasche, an old-time friend, motored 2,200 miles with his family to participate in this celebration. Later in the summer, Mr. Stauffer made a trip to Ohio, visiting three of his seven parishes and occupying a former pulpit at Cuyahoga Falls.

Under the caption, "A Credit to the City," the editor of a local newspaper commented on the celebration as follows: "Fifty years of service in any single line of endeavor is an accomplishment which no man can decry. Rev. Stauffer spent his fifty years in the most exacting of callings, the ministry, and his past record bears mute testimony to his success in the field to which he dedicated himself half a century ago. Congratulations, then, and continued success!"

MISSIONS AND SOCIAL ACTION

What do our missionaries think of the Council for Social Action? We have not heard from all of them but here are some sentences from those who have written: "I cannot find words to tell you how important the Council for Social Action seems to me." (Philippines.)

"I rejoice at every word looking toward an effort to really live out in daily life the principles which Christ lived out in his own life. Too much emphasis has been put on believing something about Christ, and too little on living the life that he lived. Individuals find it almost impossible in the present social system to get ahead in living the Christ life." (Japan.)

"That was a historic move at Oberlin, in line with the traditions and the spirit of the American Board. It has our unqualified approval. Our whole case for modern missions, the whole man devoted to God's ends, rests on the unity of the spirit. We cannot exist half slave and half free, half free on the field, half slave at home." (China.)

"For the Congregational and Christian churches to take steps toward the creation of a permanent body to deal with social relations gives me hope to believe that the Protestant American Church is on the verge of a spiritual awakening." (Turkey.)

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

The September Executive Meeting will be held at First Congregational Church of Oakland, Thursday, September 19th

FALL MEETING PROGRAM PLANS

The program committee of the Federation, headed by Mrs. E. V. Krick of San Francisco, is making plans for the fall meeting which will be held in connection with the State Conference at Sacramento, October 15-17. On Wednesday afternoon, the 16th, the women of the Federation will enjoy a luncheon served at 12:30. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson will be toastmistress, and Mrs. Franklin Warner will be the speaker; her subject: "Why Travel?"

Following the luncheon and prior to the afternoon session which begins at 2:30, there will be an organ recital in the auditorium of the church. Mrs. Frank J. Greene, president, will preside. The devotional service will be led by Mrs. H. N. Hobart of Sacramento. The presidents of three Associations will report,—Mrs. Ivie McGarva for Modoc, Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum for Upper Bay, and Mrs. L. H. Richards for Bay Association. It is expected that there will be a report of the Mills College Institute on International Relations. The main speaker for the afternoon has not yet been announced.

Mrs. Frank J. Greene of Petaluma, president of the Federation, has been enjoying a vacation in the East. During this time she spent several weeks at her old home in Vermont, visiting with friends and relatives and taking occasion to welcome back on furlough her niece, Mrs. Walter F. Hume, who, with her husband, is a missionary at Wai, India.

Several northern California women were present at the Pacific Slope Congress which was held in Tacoma, June 26-28. Mrs. Harley H. Gill represented Mrs. Frank J. Greene in bringing the greetings to the women of Washington and the representatives of other states, from the Federation of our own Conference.

Mrs. John H. Gregg, Young People's Secretary, represented the Federation at the Asilomar Young People's Conference. She served as a member of the faculty, organizing and directing a pageant, "The Fulfillment." As a result of her effort and the cooperation of the director, Rev. Gail Cleland, several hundred dollars was pledged by the delegates in behalf of their societies for the support of the program of religious work at the University of California.

JAPANESE LEADERS RETURN

Those who enjoyed the message in story and song of Miss Michi Kawai, leading woman educator of Japan, and Miss Yosko Saito, gifted coloratura soprano, when they were recently on a prayer pilgrimage in America, will be glad to know that these two charming Japanese women returned to Japan with many gifts and best wishes. Miss Kawai, whose autobiography will be published before long, found it difficult to express her deep gratitude, and said, "You have given me great inspiration and courage to go on with much cheer in facing many difficulties along my path. Is it not beautiful that we claim friendship in the name of the Lord? . . . Certainly this trip has been a great liberal education for me in many ways."

STUDY MATERIAL

M. E. M. BOOKS AVAILABLE

Study classes in dozens of fields are a part of the adult education program of many communities and adult agencies. Among the most popular of these fields are international relations and problems of national life; but one of the best ways of approach for either is through the **mission study class.** There was a time when the mission study class was an important activity in almost every church, and it still can be as effective as ever. The membership need not be large; it is sufficient to have a group of eight or ten, with a person of average ability to serve as leader, meeting once a week for six or seven weeks.

We sometimes speak of "our changing attitudes toward missions." Well, some of them ought to change, for missions itself has been changing! The tragic thing is for people to speak of a decreased interest in missions when they do not know what missions really is today! For a mission study class this year the following courses are recommended:

First, **A Course on Latin-America** with particular reference to Mexico. For the leader a 25-cent booklet is available, entitled "Understanding Latin-America," by Arthur M. Sherman. If a single text is used it may be "That Other America," by John A. Mackay (cloth $1.00; paper 60 cents). If a number of books are to be available the reference shelf may also include "Women Under the Southern Cross," by Margaret Miller (cloth $1.00, paper 50 cents); "Lupita" by Alberto Rembao (cloth $1.00, paper 60 cents), a story of Mexican youth; and "The American Board in Mexico" (10c).

"OVER THE MEXICAN BORDER," by Mildred Hewitt and Margaret Loring Thomas. Foreign Mission book for juniors. An interesting course on Mexico for teachers of juniors. Planned in such units as: Homes, history and geography, industry, and education. Contains stories and suggestions for worship, handwork and activities. (Price, 75 cents.)

"THE FLYING BOAT," by Robert Norris McLean. Foreign Mission book for intermediates. Plucky Senorita Rosario, self-appointed missionary to the itinerant workers, is aided in her struggles by the "flying boat" and her parrot, "Lindy." Her adventures carry through many fields, including a search for a long-lost father. Interesting and informative. (Paper, 60 cents.)

"LUPITA," by Alberto Rembao (former student at Pacific School of Religion). Foreign Mission book for young people. Weaves the life threads of Moreno, teacher-philosopher; Morales, Socialist-Protestant; Talavera, ex-Communist, and Lupita, "the little Red saint," into a pattern which reveals the confusion of Mexican thought today, and the place of the church. (Paper, 60 cents.)

"CHRISTIAN YOUTH WANTS ACTION!" says Frank W. Herriott in his book: "Christian Youth in Action," and to prove his point cites innumerable instances where young people are thinking seriously and then acting upon their conclusions. Book is recommended for use in young people's groups where "Social Action" is the keynote. (Paper, 60 cents.)

NATIONAL CALL FOR LOYALTY DAYS

An invitation to communities all over the United States to join in the cooperative interfaith observance of Loyalty Days on October fifth and sixth as part of the national movement has been issued by Walter W. Head, chairman of the National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery, and a past president of the American Bankers' Association.

"This Committee has issued a call for mobilization of all the religious and character-building forces of the nation on Loyalty Days, the first Saturday and the first Sunday in October," stated Mr. Head. "On these days, every church member is urgently requested and all others are cordially invited to be present in their chosen houses of worship to re-dedicate their lives to God and to more faithful service to their fellowmen. A cooperative educational program of service and stewardship will follow Loyalty Days, calling attention to the need for a more unselfish recognition of social obligations, without which no amount of palliative legislation can possibly restore sound prosperity.

"According to the most recent statistics, 62,400,000 Americans are definitely identified with some church or kindred character-building organization. If all would cooperate on certain basic principles on which they can all agree, their power is sufficient to banish most of the evils of our society.

"The National Committee, organized a little more than a year ago, now has a membership of 325 recognized national leaders, among whom are 65 bishops, 38 pastors and priests, 17 rabbis, 19 college presidents and educators, 101 national church board officials, 7 welfare workers and civic leaders, and 78 laymen, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish."

Last year, experimental Loyalty Day observances took place in 132 cities in 28 states. Typical of the results is the following quotation from the report of the Executive Secretary of the Erie Interchurch Federation of Erie, Pennsylvania: "Since Loyalty Day we have had a large attendance in our church services—in fact, in some churches they had to bring in extra seats. The prayer meeting attendance in all churches had a decided increase from 20 to 60 per cent. The financial incomes of the churches have had a marked increase. One church was rebuilt to make more room. Many of our churches made improvements. Churches are not only increasing in membership, they have a deeper reality of God in their lives. This was accomplished by all working together."

DR. COOKE IN PEIPING

Dr. Alma Locke Cooke returned to China before her furlough was up in order to study in Peiping Union Medical College. She writes that clinics in the United States cannot tell her how to feed Chinese babies that do not have milk, but the Union Medical College has solved that problem mainly with the soy bean, from which nutritious and inexpensive "milk" can be made. Her address until January 1 will be 29 Teng Shih K'ou, Peiping, China, care American Board Mission, but the address "Lintsing, Shantung, China," should always be used for packages, and after the first of the year for letters.

The Shepherds Return

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Shepherd, missionaries to China, have been spending a few months on furlough in the United States. They sail on their return from Seattle, September 14. They report that the most important part of their baggage is a little loose-leaf notebook containing the addresses of American friends. The Communists burned the address books they had previously, having a lot of fun doing so because in their opinion every name represented a capitalist. Mr. Shepherd has been entrusted with a very important piece of demonstration work having the full cooperation of the Chinese Government, in rural rehabilitation and reconstruction. The June issue of the Missionary Herald contained a very interesting account of his work.

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